

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached 9 sheets of drawings, which include Fig.1-9, replace the 9 original sheets including Fig. 1-9. The replacements are formalized versions of the drawings filed with the application and there is no change in the substance of the drawings.

Attachment: 9 Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 6, 2006.
Reconsideration in light of the amendments and remarks made herein is respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

3. The Examiner objects to claims 61-65 because of conditional language in the preamble. Applicant has amended the claims to replace "which if" with --when-- to make the preamble unconditional as suggested by the Examiner.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the objection to claims 61-65.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 101

5. The Examiner rejects claims 61-65 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the Examiner asserts that "machine-readable medium" encompasses non-statutory subject matter in view of applicant's disclosure, page 11, lines 13-17. Applicant has amended claims 61-65 to replace "machine-readable medium" with --machine-readable storage medium-- as suggested by the Examiner to limit the claims to statutory subject matter.

Applicant respectfully states that applicant believes carrier waves and signals that provide information in a form readable by a machine represent statutory subject matter under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Applicant recognizes that the Office has issued guidelines that require the Examiner to reject claims that include carrier waves and signals as being drawn to non-statutory subject matter. Applicant notes that the Office guidelines are not authoritative interpretations of the law and reserves the right to present additional claims or claim amendments at a later date to claim

all subject matter to which applicant is legally entitled, which may include carrier waves and signals.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 61-65 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as lacking patentable utility.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 47-60 and 66-69.

Conclusion

Applicant reserves all rights with respect to the applicability of the doctrine of equivalents. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.